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Improved Food Security Changes Lives

Sending the kids to school and having his own home was an unreachable dream for Ramon Ponce, a subsistence farmer in Santa Barbara, Honduras. Like Ponce, many other farmers in the area do not produce enough food to feed their family year-round.

To improve the food security challenges in the area, USAID provided training, technical assistance, and agricultural supplies to subsistence farmers like Ponce. “The program showed us how to fertilize our land and make better use of the soil in order to improve our harvests” said Ponce. The program teaches farmers improved agricultural techniques in soil preparation, irrigation, planting, and use of fertilizers.



Ramón and part of his family, next to their recently built house.

Through the program, Ponce received a drip irrigation system. “Before, we had to carry water from far away in plastic bottles. With the irrigation system, everything is easier and more secure. We are all very motivated” added Ponce.

Ponce’s life has changed and the program results have been impressive. Farmers have not only achieved year-round food security, but have also managed to have surplus yields which they sell at the local markets.

Ponce is no longer worried about what he will feed his children. “I have started to build my house, which was a dream for my family. God willing, this year we will send the older kids to school.” He explains.

This USAID program is part of a larger Food for Peace program, which also involves The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), World Vision, Save the Children, and CARE. The program works with the poorest communities in the country. To date, the Food for Peace program has benefited more than 500,000 people in Honduras.